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P.Z.For : A METHOD FOR INHIBITING NEW TISSUE GROWTH
IN BLOOD VESSELS IN A PATIENT SUBJECTED TO
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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 4, 2002
OFFICE ACTION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to an January 4, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A Response to the January 4, 2002 Office Action is due March 4, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following Groups:

- I. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11-16, drawn to a method for inhibiting new tissue growth or neointimal formation in blood vessels in a subject, or for preventing

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